

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization  
International Bureau



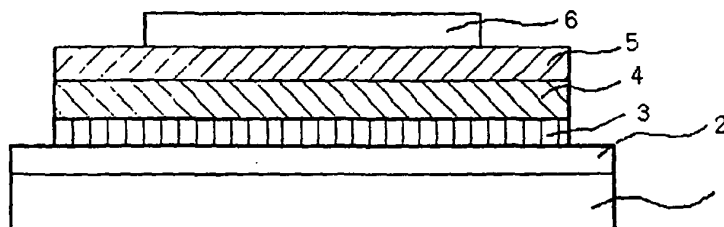
(43) International Publication Date  
18 October 2001 (18.10.2001)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
WO 01/78464 A1

- (51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: H05B 33/14, 33/20
- (72) Inventors; and  
(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): PARK, O-Ok [KR/KR]; H-1 Taedong Village, 392 Kung-dong, Yusong-gu, Taejon 305-701 (KR). LEE, Tae-Woo [KR/KR]; 6323 Taejeo 2-dong, Kangseo-gu, Pusan 618-142 (KR).
- (21) International Application Number: PCT/KR01/00535
- (22) International Filing Date: 30 March 2001 (30.03.2001)
- (25) Filing Language: Korean
- (74) Agent: LEE, Han-Young; 8th Fl., Seowon Bldg., 1675-1 Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul 137-070 (KR).
- (26) Publication Language: English
- (81) Designated States (national): DE, JP, KR, US.
- (30) Priority Data:  
2000/16456 30 March 2000 (30.03.2000) KR
- Published:  
— with international search report
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY [KR/KR]; 373-1 Kusong-dong, Yusong-gu, Taejon 305-701 (KR).
- For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(54) Title: ORGANIC/POLYMER ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE EMPLOYING SINGLE-ION CONDUCTOR



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to organic/polymer electroluminescent devices employing single-ion conductors as the materials for an electron- or hole-injecting layer. The organic/polymer electroluminescent devices of the invention are improved in a sense that it employs an electron- or hole-injecting layer made of single-ion conductors in a conventional electroluminescent device which comprises: a transparent substrate; a semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate; a hole-injecting layer positioned on the semitransparent electrode; an electroluminescent layer made of organic luminescent material, positioned on the hole-injecting layer; an electron-injecting layer positioned on the electroluminescent layer; and, a metal electrode deposited on the electron-injecting layer. The organic/polymer EL devices of the invention have excellent EL efficiency and low turn-on voltage, which make possible their application to the development of high efficiency organic/polymer EL devices.

WO 01/78464 A1

**ORGANIC/POLYMER ELECTROLUMINESCENT DEVICE.  
EMPLOYING SINGLE-ION CONDUCTOR**

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to organic/polymer  
10 electroluminescent devices employing single-ion conductors,  
more specifically, to organic/polymer electroluminescent  
devices employing single-ion conductors as an electron- or  
hole-injecting layer.

15 Description of the Prior Art

Electroluminescent("EL") device that emits light by  
applying an electric field to the device comprises ITO  
substrate, EL material and two electrodes. To improve the  
20 EL efficiency, the device is provided with a hole-injecting  
layer between the ITO electrode and EL material, an  
electron-injecting layer between EL material and the counter  
metal electrode, or both layers. As the EL material that  
plays a crucial role in the device, organic  
25 polymer/inorganic hybrid nanocomposite employing insulating  
inorganic materials, such as SiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> that help the  
transport of electric charges, has been developed and put to  
the practical use (see: S. A. Carter, Applied Physics  
Letters, 71:1145, 1997; L. Gozano, Applied Physics Letters,  
30 73:3911, 1998).

In the meantime, studies on the hole- or electron-  
injecting layer have been actively performed to improve the  
EL efficiency, mainly by way of inserting ionomers as the  
electron-injecting layer (see: Hyang-Mok Lee et al., Applied  
35 Physics Letters, 72, 2382, 1998). However, it cannot be a  
basic solution to improve the EL efficiency because the  
movement of ions is restricted in the ionomers, which

naturally limits electron-injection. As an alternative means for efficient electron-injection, an electron-transporting layer rather than the electron-injecting layer, was proposed in the art, which utilizes the materials that well transport electrons and have high affinity to the electrons. Several methods that utilize inorganic nanoparticles, 2-(4-biphenyl)-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole(PBD), or metal chelate complexes have been presented until now(see: USP 5,537,000; USP 5,817,431; USP 5,994,835). However, these methods have not been realized in practical use due to the low EL efficiency or the difficulties confronted in the thin film deposition process.

Under the circumstances, there are strong reasons for developing and exploring a material that can be used as the hole- or electron-injecting layer to improve the EL efficiency while employing the convenient thin-film deposition process such as a spin-coating method.

#### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

20

The present inventors made an effort to develop a material that can improve the EL efficiency with convenient thin-film deposition process, and discovered that EL devices employing single-ion conductors as an electron- or hole-injecting layer show a highly improved EL efficiency.

25

A primary object of the present invention is, therefore, to provide EL devices employing single-ion conductors as an electron- or hole-injecting layer.

30

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above, the other objects and features of the invention will become apparent from the following descriptions given in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

35

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram showing a cross-sectional view of an organic/polymer EL device employing single-ion conductors of the present invention.

5        Figure 2 is a graph showing the EL efficiency of an organic/polymer EL device employing a single-ion conductor as the electron-injecting layer, an organic/polymer EL device employing an ionomer as the electron-injecting layer, and an organic/polymer EL device without the electron-  
10    injecting layer.

<Explanation of major parts of the drawings>

15        1: transparent substrate  
         2: semitransparent electrode  
         3: hole-injecting layer  
         4: electroluminescent layer  
         5: electron-injecting layer  
         6: metal electrode

20

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

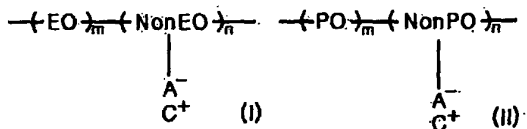
The organic/polymer EL device of the invention is improved in a sense that it employs electron- or hole-  
25    injecting layer made of single-ion conductors in a conventional EL device which comprises: a transparent substrate; a semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate; a hole-injecting layer positioned on the semitransparent electrode; an emissive layer made of  
30    organic luminescent material, positioned on the hole-injecting layer; an electron-injecting layer positioned on the emissive layer; and, a metal electrode deposited on the electron-injecting layer. The transparent substrate includes glass, quartz or PET(polyethylene terephthalate),  
35    and the semitransparent electrodes includes ITO(indium tin oxide), PEDOT(polyethylene dioxythiophene) or polyaniline.

The organic EL material includes: emissive conjugated

polymers such as poly(para-phenylvinylene), poly(thiophene), poly(para-phenylene), poly(fluorene) or their derivatives; emissive non-conjugated polymers with side chains substituted with emissive functional groups such as anthracene; metal chelate complex of ligand structure such as emissive alumina quinone(Alq3); low molecular-weight emissive organic material (monomers or oligomers) such as rubrene, anthracene, perylene, coumarine 6, Nile red, aromatic diamine, TPD(N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis-(3-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-diamine), TAZ(3-(4-biphenyl)-4-phenyl-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole) or other emissive monomeric or oligomeric material of the derivative of those material; laser dyes such as DCM(dicyanomethylene)-2-methyl-6-(p-dimethylaminostyryl)-4H-pyran), and blends of poly(meta-methylacrylic acid), polystyrene and poly(9-vinylcarbazole) with above-mentioned emissive materials. And, aluminum, magnesium, lithium, calcium, copper, silver, gold, or an alloy thereof is preferably employed for the metal electrode.

As the single-ion conductors, the materials containing ether chains  $(\text{--CH}_2)_n\text{O--}$  such as polyethylene oxide or polypropylene oxide, and ionic groups such as  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{COO}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ , or  $(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$  in the main chains that form ionic bonds with counter ions such as  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{COO}^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ , or  $(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$  are preferably employed.

In general, single-ion conductors are classified into single-cation conductors(see: general formula (I), general formula (II)) and single-anion conductors(see: general formula (III) and general formula (IV)).

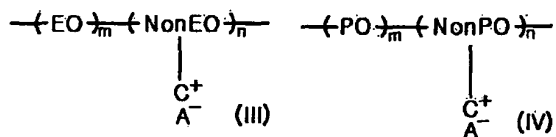


wherein,

EO represents ethyleneoxide;  
 NonEO represents non-ethyleneoxide;  
 PO represents propyleneoxide;  
 NonPO represents non-propyleneoxide;  
 5 A<sup>-</sup> represents anion;  
 C<sup>+</sup> represents cation;  
 m+n=1; and,  
 n represents a real number more than 0 and  
 less than 1.

10

As shown in the general formula (I) and the general  
 formula (II), single-cation conductors contain ether chains  
 ((-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O-) such as polyethyleneoxide or polypropyleneoxide  
 in the main chains, and anionic groups such as SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, COO<sup>-</sup>, or  
 15 I<sup>-</sup> in the main or side chains which form ionic bonds with  
 metal ions such as Na<sup>+</sup>, Li<sup>+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, or Eu<sup>3+</sup>, or other  
 organic ions such as (NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> as the counter ion.



20

wherein,

EO represents ethyleneoxide;  
 NonEO represents non-ethyleneoxide;  
 PO represents propyleneoxide;  
 25 NonPO represents non-propyleneoxide;  
 A<sup>-</sup> represents anion;  
 C<sup>+</sup> represents cation;  
 m+n=1; and,  
 n represents a real number more than 0 and less  
 30 than 1.

As shown in the general formula (III) and the general  
 formula (IV), single-anion conductor contains ether chains  
 ((-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O-) such as polyethyleneoxide or polypropyleneoxide

in the main chains, and cationic group such as  $(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$  or  $(-\text{CH}_2-)_n\text{O}^+$  in the main or side chains which form ionic bonds with anions such as  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{COO}^-$ , or  $\text{I}^-$  as counter ion.

In the single-ion conductors described above, the ether  
5 chain dissociates counter ions from the ions attached to the main chain and allows the ions to move much more freely. The EL intensity and the EL efficiency can be improved by employing the single-anion conductor as a hole-injecting layer or the single-cation conductor as an electron-  
10 injecting layer. However, the organic/polymer EL devices can be prepared to include either the hole-injecting layer or the electron-injecting layer to optimize the EL intensity and efficiency.

A preferred embodiment of the organic/polymer EL  
15 device of the present invention employing single-ion conductors is schematically depicted in Figure 1. The organic/polymer EL device employing single-ion conductors comprises a hole-injecting layer(3) that is prepared by spin-coating of the single-anion conductor on the ITO layer  
20 prepared by depositing the semitransparent electrode material(2) on the transparent substrate(1); an emissive layer(4) prepared by spin-coating of the organic emissive material on the hole-injecting layer(3); an electron-injecting layer(5) prepared by spin-coating of the single-  
25 anion conductor on the emissive layer(4); and, a metal electrode prepared by a thermal evaporation method using the metal such as Al, Mg, Li, Ca, Au, Ag, Pt, Ni, Pb, Cu, Fe, or their alloys on the electron-injecting layer(5).

As described above, when single-ion conductors are  
30 used in multi-layer EL devices, the conductivity is greater than  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  s/cm. The EL efficiency of the device is described in quantum efficiency (% photons/electrons), which indicates the number of photons per the number of electron injected in a limit of % probability. The EL external  
35 quantum efficiency (external quantum efficiency= externally emitted photons/injected electrons\*100(%)) determined was between 0.5 and 2% photons/electrons, and the turn-on

voltage for the emission was as low as 1.8V.

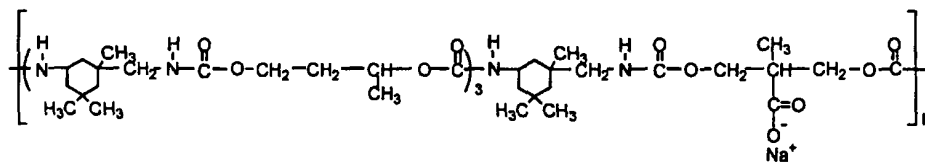
The present invention is further illustrated by the following examples, which should not be taken to limit the scope of the invention.

Example 1: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device employing a single-cation conductor as an electron-injecting layer

10

A derivative of poly(para-phenylenevinylene), MEH-PPV (poly[2-methoxy-5-(2'-ethyl-hexyl)-p-phenylenevinylene]) was spin-coated on ITO substrate in 60 nm thickness as an EL material, and then a single-cation conductor with structural formula(I) below, which has Na<sup>+</sup> as a counter ion by ionic bond formation, was spin-coated in 15nm thickness on the the MEH-PPV layer. After that, an aluminum electrode was deposited in 100 nm thickness by a thermal evaporation method to give an organic/polymer EL device. The EL intensity was measured using a photodiode(818-UV) connected to an optical powermeter (Newport 1830-C) after applying a forward bias electric field. When EL efficiency against current density of the organic/polymer EL device was calculated by measuring current while applying voltage using Keithley 236 Source measurement unit, the turn-on voltage for emission of the organic/polymer EL device was 1.8V.

[Formula I]



30

Comparative Example 1: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device without an electron-injecting layer



An organic/polymer EL device without an electron-injecting in Example 1, except that the spin-coating of a single-cation conductor was omitted, and EL efficiency  
5 against current was calculated.

Comparative Example 2: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device employing an an ionomer as an electron-injecting layer  
10

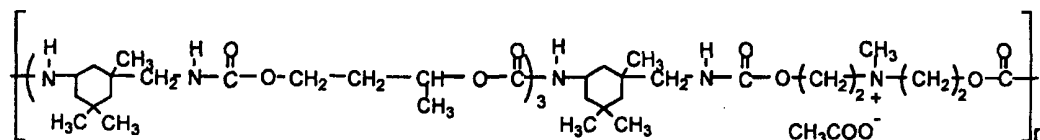
An organic/polymer EL device was fabricated in a similar manner as in Example 1, except that the known electron-injecting material, a SSPS ionomer (sodium sulfonated polystyrene) was used, and then EL efficiency  
15 against current was calculated to compared with the EL efficiencies in Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 (see: Figure 2). Figure 2 depicts a graph comparing the EL efficiencies depending on the current densities of the organic/polymer EL devices in Example 1, Comparative  
20 Examples 1 and 2. In Figure 2, (▲) represents the EL efficiency in case of employing a single-cation conductor as an electron-injecting layer, (●) represents the EL efficiency of the device employing an ionomer as an electron-injecting layer, and (■) represents the EL  
25 efficiency when the electron-injecting layer was not used. As shown in Figure 2, the EL efficiency of the invented organic/polymer EL device, employing a single-cation conductor as an electron-injecting layer, was improved by about 600 times as compared with that of not employing the  
30 electron-injecting layer, and by about 5 times compared with that of employing an ionomer as an electron-injecting layer. Further, the external quantum efficiency was calculated from the obtained results, for the invented organic/polymer EL device employing a single-cation conductor as an electron-  
35 injecting layer, which revealed that it was about 1%(photons/electrons), and for the organic/polymer EL device employing an ionomer as an electron-injecting layer, about

0.2%(photons/electrons), and for the organic/polymer EL device without the electron-injecting layer, about 0.004%(photons/electrons), which demonstrated that the organic/polymer EL device of the present invention is highly improved in terms of the EL efficiency by employing a single-cation conductor as an electron-injecting layer.

Example 2: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device employing a single-anion conductor as a hole-injecting layer(1)

A single-anion conductor with the structural formula(II) below was spin-coated in 15nm thickness on the ITO anode substrate followed by spin-coating of the EL material, MEH-PPV in 100 nm thickness. And then, an aluminum cathode was deposited in 100 nm thickness by a thermal evaporation method to give an organic/polymer EL device. When the EL device was activated by applying a forward electric field, the turn-on voltage for emission of the organic/polymer EL device was 1.8V.

[Formula II]



Example 3: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device employing a single-anion conductor as an hole-injecting layer(2)

An EL material, MEH-PPV was spin-coated on the ITO cathode substrate in 100nm thickness followed by spin-coating of a single-anion conductor with the structural formula(II) above 15nm in thickness. And then, an aluminum anode was deposited in 100nm thickness by a thermal evaporation method to give an organic/polymer EL device.

When the EL device was activated by applying reverse electric field, the turn-on voltage for emission of the organic/polymer EL device was 1.8V.

- 5    Example 4: Preparation of an organic/polymer EL device  
         employing a single-anion conductor as a hole-  
         injecting layer and a single-cation conductor as  
         an electron-injecting layer

10        A single-anion conductor with the structural  
         formula(II) above was spin-coated in 15nm thickness on the  
         ITO substrate followed by spin-coating of the EL material,  
         MEH-PPV in 100nm thickness. After the single-cation  
15        conductor with structural formula(I) was spin-coated in 15  
         nm thickness on the emissive layer, an aluminum electrode  
         was deposited in 100nm thickness by a thermal evaporation  
         method to give an organic/polymer EL device. The EL  
         intensity was measured while activating the EL device by  
         applying forward electric fields. The turn-on voltage for  
20        emission of the organic/polymer EL device was 1.8V.

         As clearly described and demonstrated as above, the  
         present invention provides organic/polymer EL devices  
         employing single-ion conductors as an electron- or hole-  
25        injecting layer. The organic/polymer EL device of the  
         invention is improved in a sense that it employs an  
         electron- or hole-injecting layer made of single-ion  
         conductors in the EL device which comprises: a transparent  
         substrate; a semitransparent electrode deposited on the  
30        transparent substrate; a hole-injecting layer positioned on  
         the semitransparent electrode; an emissive layer made of an  
         organic emissive material, positioned on the hole-injecting  
         layer; an electron-injecting layer positioned on the  
         emissive layer; and, a metal electrode deposited on the  
35        electron-injecting layer. The organic/polymer EL devices of  
         the invention have excellent EL efficiency and low turn-on  
         voltage, which make possible their application to the

development of high efficiency organic/polymer EL devices.

Although the preferred embodiments of present  
invention have been disclosed for illustrative purpose,  
5 those who are skilled in the art will appreciate that  
various modifications, additions, and substitutions are  
possible, without departing from the spirit and scope of the  
invention as disclosed in the accompanying claims.

10

15

20

25

30

35

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In an organic/polymer electroluminescent(EL) device which comprises: a transparent substrate; a  
5 semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate; a hole-injecting layer positioned on the semitransparent electrode; an emissive layer made of an organic EL material, positioned on the hole-injecting layer; an electron-injecting layer positioned on the emissive  
10 layer; and, a metal electrode deposited on the electron-injecting layer, the improvement comprising that single-ion conductors are employed for the hole-injecting layer and the electron-injecting layer.
- 15 2. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is glass, quartz or PET(polyethylene terephtalate).
3. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 1, wherein  
20 the semitransparent electrode is lead oxide, ITO (indium tin oxide), doped polyaniline, doped Polypyrrole, doped polythiophene or PEDOT(polyethylene dioxythiophene).
4. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 1, wherein  
25 the organic EL material is emissive conjugated polymer, emissive non-conjugated polymer, emissive small organic (monomeric or oligomeric) material, poly(meta-methylacrylic acid), poly(styrene) or poly(9-vinylcarbazole).
- 30 5. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 4, wherein the emissive conjugated polymer is poly(p-phenylene vinylene), poly(thiophene), poly(p-phenylene), poly(fluorene), poly(arylenes), poly(arylene vinylene), polyquinoline, polypyrrole, polyaniline, polyacetylene or  
35 derivatives thereof.
6. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 4, wherein

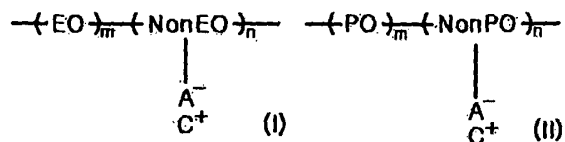
the emissive non-conjugated polymer is a polymer having non-conjugated main chains and side chains substituted with emissive functional groups.

5        7. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 4, wherein the emissive small organic (monomeric or oligomeric) material is alumina quinone(Alq3), rubrene, anthracene, perylene, coumarine 6, Nile red, aromatic diamine, TPD(N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis-(3-methylphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-  
10 4,4'-diamine), TAZ(3-(4-biphenyl)-4-phenyl-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazole), DCM(dicyanomethylene)-2-methyl-6-(p-dimethylaminostyryl)-4H-pyran), derivatives thereof.

15        8. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 1, wherein the metal electrode is made of aluminum, magnesium, lithium, calcium, copper, silver, iron, platinum, indium, palladium, tungsten, zinc, gold, lead or alloys thereof.

20        9. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 1, wherein the single-ion conductor is a single-cation conductor or a single-anion conductor.

25        10. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 9, wherein the single-cation conductor represented as a general formula (I) or (II) below, comprises ether chain  $((-\text{CH}_2)_n\text{O}-)$  such as polyethylene oxide or polypropylene oxide in the main chain, and contains anions such as  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{COO}^-$  or  $\text{I}^-$  in the main or side chains that form ionic bonds with counter ion such as  
30  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , or  $(\text{NH}_3)_4^+$ :



wherein,

EO represents ethyleneoxide;

NonEO represents non-ethyleneoxide;

PO represents propyleneoxide;

5 NonPO represents non-propyleneoxide;

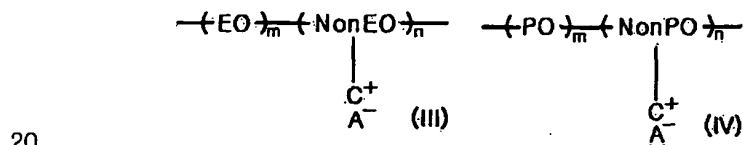
A<sup>-</sup> represents anion;

C<sup>+</sup> represents cation;

m+n=1; and,

10 n represents a real number more than 0 and  
less than 1.

11. The organic/polymer EL device of claim 9, wherein  
the single-anion conductor represented as a general formula  
(III) or (IV) below, comprises ether chain ((-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>O-) such  
15 as polyethylene oxide or polypropylene oxide in the main  
chain, and contains cations in the main or side chains, such  
as (NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> or (-CH<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>n</sub>O<sup>+</sup> that form ionic bonds with counter  
ions such as COO<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or I<sup>-</sup>:



wherein,

EO represents ethyleneoxide;

NonEO represents non-ethyleneoxide;

25 PO represents propyleneoxide;

NonPO represents non-propyleneoxide;

A<sup>-</sup> represents anion;

C<sup>+</sup> represents cation;

m+n=1; and,

30 n represents a real number more than 0 and  
less than 1.

12. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:  
a transparent substrate;

a semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate;

a hole-injecting layer made of single-anion conductors, positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

5 an emissive layer made of organic EL material, positioned on the hole-injecting layer;

an electron-injecting layer made of single-cation conductors, positioned on the emissive layer; and,

10 a metal electrode deposited on the electron-injecting layer.

13. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:

a transparent substrate;

15 a semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate;

a electron-injecting layer made of single-cation conductors, positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

an emissive layer made of organic EL material, positioned on the electron-injecting layer;

20 an hole-injecting layer made of single-anion conductors, positioned on the emissive layer; and,

a metal electrode deposited on the hole-injecting layer.

25 14. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:

a transparent substrate;

a semitransparent electrode deposited on the transparent substrate;

30 a hole-injecting layer made of single-anion conductors, positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

an emissive layer made of organic EL material, positioned on the hole-injecting layer; and,

a metal electrode deposited on the emissive layer.

35 15. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:

a transparent substrate;

a semitransparent electrode deposited on the



transparent substrate;

a electron-injecting layer made of single-cation  
conductors, positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

an emissive layer made of organic EL material,  
5 positioned on the electron-injecting layer; and,

a metal electrode deposited on the electron-  
injecting layer.

16. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:

10 a transparent substrate;

a semitransparent electrode deposited on the  
transparent substrate;

an emissive layer made of organic EL material,  
positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

15 an electron-injecting layer made of single-cation  
conductors, positioned on the emissive layer; and,

a metal electrode deposited on the electron-  
injecting layer.

20 17. An organic/polymer EL device which comprises:

a transparent substrate;

a semitransparent electrode deposited on the  
transparent substrate;

an emissive layer made of organic EL material,  
25 positioned on the semitransparent electrode;

an hole-injecting layer made of single-anion  
conductors, positioned on the emissive layer; and,

a metal electrode deposited on the hole-injecting  
layer.

30

35

Fig. 1

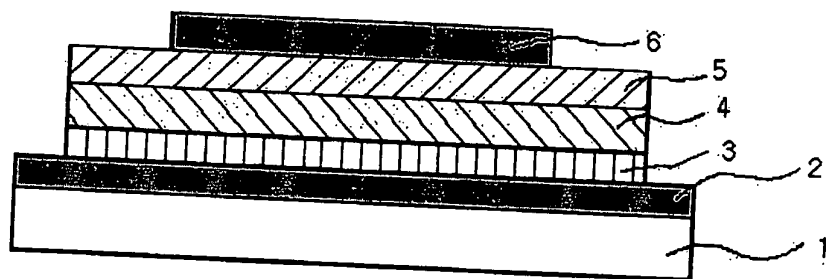
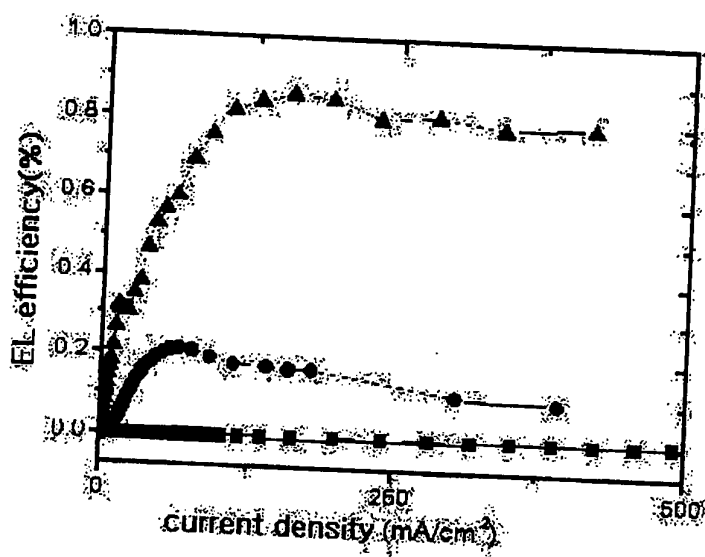


Fig. 2



## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/KR01/00535

<b>A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER</b>		
IPC7 H05B 33/14, H05B 33/20		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b>		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC7 H05B 33/14, H05B 33/20		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Korean patents and applications for invention since 1975 Korean utility models and applications for utility models since 1975		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
"A"	JP 10-308277 A (NIPPON ELECTRIC CO) 17.NOV.1998 (WHOLE DOCUMENT)	1-9, 12-17
"A"	JP 11-233262 A (AIMES CO) 27.AUG.1999. (WHOLE DOCUMENT)	1-9, 12-17
"A"	US 6,030,715 A (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CA.) 29.FEB. 2000 (WHOLE DOCUMENT)	1-9, 12-17
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex.		
<p>* Special categories of cited documents:</p> <p>"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance</p> <p>"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date</p> <p>"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of citation or other special reason (as specified)</p> <p>"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means</p> <p>"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed</p> <p>"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention</p> <p>"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone</p> <p>"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art</p> <p>"&amp;" document member of the same patent family</p>		
Date of the actual completion of the international search 18 JULY 2001 (18.07.2001)		Date of mailing of the international search report 18 JULY 2001 (18.07.2001)
Name and mailing address of the ISA/KR Korean Intellectual Property Office Government Complex-Daejeon, Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu, Daejeon Metropolitan City 302-701, Republic of Korea Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140		Authorized officer MIN, Kyoung Shin Telephone No. 82-42-481-5652



**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Information on patent family members

International application No.

PCT/KR01/00535

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
JP 10-308277 A (NIPPON ELECTRIC CO)	17.NOV. 1998	NONE	
JP 11-233262 A (AIMES CO )	27.AUG. 1999	NONE	
US 6,030,715 A (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CA.)	29.FEB. 2000	WO 9920081 A2	22.APR.1999